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General Comment: Dairy products made from milk from cows not treated with rbST should be included in USDA's mandatory reporting program. On Nov. 30, Kraft announced it would begin producing "natural" cheese products, including its 2% slices, from milk from cows not treated with rbST. Other manufactured dairy products are already so-labeled, and this trend may increase in light of the fact that dairy farmers across America are being "forced" to sign affidavits -- as a condition of marketing their milk through various coops and marketing services -- pledging they will no longer treat their cows with rbST. The giants in the industry are pushing this edict with little or no compensation to dairy farmers for their losses in milk production after giving up a safe and approved technology. The values used to calculate manufacturing class prices, and ultimately the fluid milk price, rely upon thorough and accurate reporting. If mandatory reporting excludes "rbST-free" products, the components for class pricing will be undervalued at the extent to which "rbST-free" milk supplies are lined up in the marketplace. The manufacturing portion will undoubtedly receive a special label and be sold at a higher price. The only way to ensure that these changes in the marketplace find their way back into the producers' milk checks, is to include these special label manufactured dairy products in the mandatory reporting. Already dairy farmers, in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, are saying that beginning Feb. 1, milk tankers will be "tagged" different colors for regular milk vs. "rbST-free" milk. USDA AMS has an obligation to ensure the orderly marketing and fair value of this milk, especially since dairy farmers are being forced to give up production advantages. It's up to USDA to accurately reflect the market value of this so-called "rbST-free" milk via the value of the products produced from it, so that dairy farmers are not further taken advantage of in this battle for retail market share.